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**UNITED STATES FILES CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AGAINST
PADUCAH ATTORNEY DAVID V. OAKES
FOR ENTERING THE GENE SNYDER U.S. COURTHOUSE
WITH A CONCEALED FIREARM**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today the filing of a criminal complaint against **DAVID V. OAKES**, age 45, of Paducah, Kentucky on a charge of knowingly possessing or causing to be present, a firearm, in a Federal court facility.

According to an affidavit filed by Supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal Jennifer Fitzgerald, **Oakes** entered the Gene Snyder U.S. Courthouse located at 601 West Broadway in Louisville, Kentucky, and proceeded through the interior doors. According to the affidavit the interior doors are marked with signs which state that Federal law prohibits the possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons in Federal buildings. Furthermore, according to the affidavit, just inside the courthouse interior doors is another sign which states that firearms are prohibited in the building and that Kentucky concealed handgun permits are not valid in the courthouse.

Oakes proceeded through the magnetometer which alerted on a metal object on his person. A Court Security Officer (CSO) proceeded to scan **Oakes** with a hand operated metal detector. When the CSO scanned the area around **Oakes'** left ankle, the metal detector alerted. The CSO tapped **Oakes'** left ankle and asked **Oakes** if he was wearing a gun. **Oakes** then handed the CSO

a Commonwealth of Kentucky Concealed Deadly Weapons License and stated he would take “it” back to his truck. At no time did **Oakes** confirm that he had a firearm on his person. The CSO removed the firearm and holster from **Oakes**’ left ankle and contacted the U.S. Marshals Service. The Marshals Service took custody of the pistol, a Glock Model 26, 9 mm handgun, a loaded 9 round magazine, and a Commonwealth of Kentucky Concealed Deadly Weapons License.

United States Attorney David L. Huber praised the efforts of the Court Security Officers and the United States Marshals Service in their effective response to this very serious offense.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael A. Bennett.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are 2 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 1 year. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

A criminal Complaint is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty

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